



Know Your Rainbow History World War Two

Two decades after World War One ended, the 42nd Division was reactivated with the onset of America's participation in the Second World War. At the July 14, 1943 reactivation ceremony, the division commander, Brigadier General Harry Collins echoed General MacArthur's sentiments regarding the 42nd Division's unique status when he commented "The Rainbow Division represents the people of our country."

The 42nd landed in France in December 1944 and advanced through France as part of the 7th Army, entering Germany in March 1945. It was during the division's rapid advance through Germany in April 1945 that they liberated some 33,000 survivors of the infamous Dachau concentration camp.

By the end of the war, the 42nd Division had established an enviable record. It was first in its corps to enter Germany, first to penetrate the Siegfried line and first to enter Munich. Rainbow Soldiers seized over 6,000 square miles of Nazi held territory during their advance across Europe. The division ended the war serving as an occupation force in Austria and inactivated in June of 1946. The 42nd returned in 1947 as a National Guard Division for New York, the state of its birth.



'New Era - Old Message'

Former Division Commander, Major General Harry Collins' words over a half century ago are as relevant today as they were then.

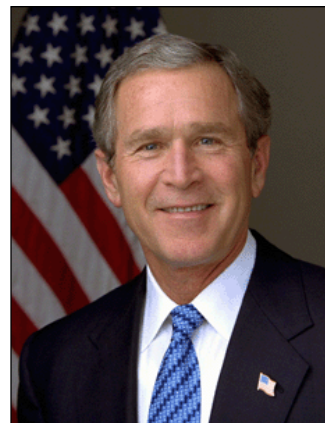
In a letter to new Rainbow Soldiers beginning occupation duties in October 1945, Collins wrote: "The Rainbow Division has tradition and it has standards of military courtesy and discipline which have made it famous. We of the Rainbow Division are very proud of those standards and hope you help us maintain them. Maintaining these standards will be a part of our job. We are the representatives of the American people. You represent your people at home, by your people I mean your mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts and children. These American people are going to be judged by the way you act, by your very behavior, you have the opportunity to sell the American way of life in a country which has not known honesty, decency and fair play for as far back as we know it. You have a tremendous job ahead of you to perform in winning the peace. That job is equally as important as winning the war. It is one of the most important jobs of your military career and possibly your entire life. To do your job successfully you must be a soldier. You must look like a soldier. You must act like a soldier."

Look for more history and stories from former Rainbow Soldiers in future issues

Commander-In-Chief Tells U.S. Troops 'Life Is Better' In Iraq

"The future of a free Iraq is coming into view", said President George Bush to worldwide military audience and service members assembled at the US Central Command and US Special Operations Command Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. on June 16th.

By a satellite television hook-up, the president spoke directly to service members assembled at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, and Baghdad Int'l Airport, Iraq. Additionally, the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Radio and Television Service carried his address to military people in other parts of Afghanistan and Iraq, and more than 20 other bases in the United States, and around the globe.



The president cited the difficulty of the mission and the work that lies ahead, and expressed gratitude to service members and their families for their sacrifices. "Many of you have faced long deployments, sometimes longer than you expected. You miss your families; your families miss you. Some of you have lost comrades, good men and women you will never forget, and America will never forget them either," Bush said.

"You're sacrificing greatly for our country, and our country has needed that sacrifice," he continued. "By standing for the cause of freedom, you are making the world more peaceful. By fighting terrorists abroad, you are making the American people more secure here at home. And by acting in the best traditions of duty and honor, you are making our country and your commander in chief incredibly proud."

"On June 30, governing authority in Iraq will be transferred to a fully sovereign interim government. The Coalition Provisional Authority will cease to exist. An American embassy will open in Baghdad," the President said.

In the meantime, Bush said, the Iraqi people are stepping up to bring democracy to their country. "Iraq's new leaders are rising to their responsibilities. Together with our coalition and the United Nations, they are working to prepare the way for national elections by next January," the president said. "In July, Iraqis from every part of the country will gather for a national conference that will choose an interim national council to advise and support Prime Minister (Ayad) Allawi and his cabinet".

Noting that the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to endorse the Iraqi interim government and the plan for Iraq's political transition, Bush cited the "steady progress" the Iraqi people have made and vowed not to let insurgents and foreign fighters derail the process. "We will not let thugs and killers stand in the way of a free and democratic Iraq," the president promised.

With more than 200,000 Iraqis serving in or training for the country's new security forces, Bush said the United States is leading the international effort to train new forces for Iraq. Experience has shown, he said, that Iraqi soldiers naturally want to take their orders from Iraqi officers, and the coalition is working to build and strengthen the Iraqi chain of command. "So we're helping to prepare a new generation of Iraqi military commanders who will lead the security forces of a free and sovereign Iraq," the president said.

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Army gets new combat uniform



WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 14, 2004) - The Army will be fielding a new combat uniform designed by NCOs and tested by Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq since October.

On the Army's 229th birthday, senior leadership introduced the Army Combat Uniform during a Pentagon cake-cutting ceremony. Soldiers were on display, suited-up in the wrinkle-free uniform with a digitized camouflage pattern.

Three different versions of the ACU have been developed, and more than 10,000 uniforms have been produced and dragged through the sand in Iraq and at Army training centers. Even more are on American production lines to be issued by April 2005 to Soldiers in deploying units. Fielding to the total Army should be complete by December 2007, said officials from the Program Executive Office, known as PEO Soldier.

There were 20 changes made to the uniform, to include removing the color black and adapting the digital print from the Marine Corps uniform to meet the needs of the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Clothing and Individual Equipment noncommissioned officer in charge.

Black is no longer useful on the uniform because it is not a color commonly found in nature. The drawback to black is that its color immediately catches the eye, he added.

"The color scheme in the ACU capitalizes on the environments that we operate in," Myhre said. "The current colors on the ACU are green-woodland, grey-urban environments and sand brown-desert. The pattern is not a 100-percent solution in every environment, but a good solution across the board."

"This isn't about a cosmetic redesign of the uniform," said Col. John Norwood, the project manager for Clothing and Individual Equipment. "It's a functionality change of the uniform that will improve the ability of Soldiers to execute their combat mission."

Every change was made for a reason. The bottom pockets on the jacket were removed and placed on the shoulder sleeves so Soldiers can have access to them while wearing body armor. The pockets were also tilted forward so that they are easily accessible. Buttons were replaced with zippers that open from the top and bottom to provide comfort while wearing armor. Patches and tabs are affixed to the uniform with Velcro to give the wearer more flexibility and to save the Soldier money, Myhre said. Soldiers can take the name-tapes and patches off their uniforms before laundering, which will add to the lifecycle of the patches. Also the cost to get patches sewn on will be eliminated, he added.

The ACU will consist of a jacket, trousers, moisture wicking t-shirt and the brown combat boots. It will replace both versions of the BDU and the desert camouflage uniform. The black beret will be the normal headgear for the ACU, but there is a matching patrol cap to be worn at the commander's discretion.

At \$88 per uniform, about \$30 more than the BDU, Soldiers will eventually reap gains in money and time by not having to take uniforms to the cleaners or shine boots.

The life of the ACU began in January 2003 when PEO Soldier teamed with Myhre, Master Sgt. Alex Samoba and Staff Sgt. Matt Goodine - from the 1st Stryker Brigade, Fort Lewis, Wash.

The team looked at a number of uniforms and took the best part of each uniform and combined it into one. They built their first prototype and delivered 25 uniforms to Stryker squads at the National Training Center. After listening to their comments, the team went back to the lab and created prototype two.

Twenty-one uniforms were then delivered to Stryker Soldiers at the Joint Training and Readiness Center, Fort Polk, La.

"We watched them as they entered and cleared rooms, as they carried their rucksack and all of the things they had to be able to do in the uniform, and then we came up with prototype three," Myhre said.

Two issues of the third version were given to the Stryker Soldiers deploying to Iraq. Three months ago, Myhre was among a team who visited Iraq to get more feedback from Soldiers. "We would talk to Soldiers right after they had completed a mission while the benefits of the uniform were still fresh in their minds. We wanted to know how did the

uniform help the mission."

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston is one of the ACU's biggest supporters. He said command sergeants major had a chance to see the uniform and give advice toward the final version.

"We have not made a major change to our uniforms since the BDUs (battle dress uniforms) were introduced in the early 1980s," Preston said. "This new uniform performs well in multiple environments. Its new pockets and color designs are a result of feedback from Soldiers in combat. Every modification made on the uniform was designed with a specific purpose and not just for the sake of change."

Uniform changes include:

1. Mandarin collar that can be worn up or down.
2. Rank insignia centered of the front of the blouse
3. Velcro for wearing unit patch, skill tabs and recognition devices
4. Zippered front closure
5. Elbow pouch for internal elbow pad inserts
6. Knee pouch for internal knee pad inserts.
7. Draw string leg cuff
8. Tilted chest pockets with Velcro closure
9. Three-slot pen pocket on bottom of sleeve
10. Velcro sleeve cuff closure
11. Shoulder pockets with Velcro
12. Forward tilted cargo pockets
13. Integrated blouse bellows for increased upper body mobility
14. Integrated Friend or Foe Identification Square on both left and right shoulder pocket flap.
15. Bellowed calf storage pocket on left and right leg
16. Moisture-wicking desert tan t-shirt
17. Patrol Cap with double thick bill and internal pocket
18. Improved hot-weather desert boot or temperate-weather desert boot
19. Two-inch, black nylon web belt
20. Moisture-wicking socks



Editor's Note: According to COL James Gaudio, 42nd ID G-4, "since Rainbow Soldiers will already be in Iraq in April 2005, we do not know yet when we can expect to receive the new uniform issue."

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Iraqi forces captured a key lieutenant of fugitive terrorist Abu Musab al- Zarqawi, Bush said, repelled attacks on Mosul government buildings, and are being greeted warmly by their fellow citizens as they patrol in Najaf.

"See, these brave Iraqis are stepping up. They are setting an example for their fellow citizens. They are staying in the fight, taking the battle to the terrorists and Saddam holdouts," the president said. "They are securing a future of liberty and opportunity for their children and their grandchildren. And when the history of modern Iraq is written, the people of Iraq will know their freedom was finally secured by the courage and by the determination of Iraqi patriots."

More violence can be expected in Iraq, Bush acknowledged. "As the interim government assumes authority and Iraqi security forces defend their country, our coalition will play a supporting role," he said. "And this is an essential part of our strategy for success." The people responsible for the violence, he added, are friends of neither the coalition nor the Iraqi people.

"Terrorists who attack a self-governing Iraq are showing us and the Iraqis who they really are," Bush said. "They're not fighting foreign forces; they're fighting the Iraqi people. They're not just enemies of America; they are enemies of democracy and hope. They are enemies of a peaceful future in Iraq."

Iraq's prime minister, the president noted, said last week that anyone involved in these attacks is a traitor to the cause of Iraq's freedom and the freedom of its people.

"The prime minister and I share the same resolve. The traitors will be defeated," Bush said. "Their greatest fear is an Iraqi government of, by and for the Iraqi people. And no matter what the terrorists plan -- no matter what they attempt -- a democratic, free Iraq is on the way."

The United States also is helping Iraqis rebuild their country's infrastructure, the president said, pointing to the successful rebuilding of Germany from the rubble of World War II despite many difficulties.

"We overcame many obstacles because we knew that the only hope for a secure America was a peaceful and democratic Europe," he said. "And because we persevered, because we had faith in our values, because we were strong in the face of adversity, Germany became the stable, successful, great nation that it is today."

Bush listed a litany of successes in Iraq, and again vowed that terrorists would not derail continued progress. "The terrorists will fail. They will fail because the Iraqi people will not accept a return to tyranny. The terrorists will fail because the resolve of an America and our allies will not be shaken. And the terrorists will fail because courageous men and women like you are standing in their way," he told his worldwide military audience.

NEWS FROM IRAQ

Chalabi's drive to build powerbase among Shiites

The man who has recently suffered a stunning reversal of fortune at the hands of Washington is trying to make a comeback.

Ahmed Chalabi, who once Washington promoted as a possible leader of Iraq and recently dumped, is reconsidering tactics to restore influence particularly among the majority Muslim Shiites.

A few days before the new interim government was announced, US troops aided by Iraqi police raided his home and offices in Baghdad. Chalabi denounced the raid, saying it was politically motivated.

In his years in exile, Chalabi and his Iraq National Congress were among the opposition groups with the warmest and closest ties to Washington.

But Chalabi turned against his US protectors, a tactic he apparently developed to boost his popularity in the country.

He and his aides tried to portray the standoff with the US troops as a struggle over the country's sovereignty.

They said the US occupation authorities were not happy with demands by Chalabi to transfer "full sovereignty" to Iraqis by end of June.

The US charges that Chalabi and his aides were involved in torture, kidnapping and passing of intelligence to Iran were hard to believe. Iraqis have generally become suspicious of Americans

and no longer take what they say for granted. Many in Iraq thought that the whole row was a conspiracy.

By publicizing their differences with Chalabi, the Americans were actually preparing the controversial politician to a senior post in a future government.

Iraqis have grown to believe in conspiracy theory and many still think that the US-ostracized politician will eventually rise to eminence in the near future.

They only changed their views of the falling-out when television broadcasts showed Chalabi strolling in the alleyways of Najaf, surrounded by armed guards.

Chalabi had gone to the holy city to lobby its clerics.

He met the Shiites top clergy, among them the Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani and the firebrand Moqtada al-Sadr.

Pictures of him shuttling in the narrow streets of Najaf to bring about a truce between Mqtada's militias and US troops are now viewed as a new tact by the shrewd politician to have the Shiites on his side.

Himself a Shiite, Chalabi seldom paid heed to Najaf's holy men. But he was reported last week as saying that he would "follow to the letter" the advice he gets from Sistani.

Iraqi official says martial law possible

Iraq's interim interior minister says martial law could be declared in the country if there are continued attacks like the car bombing that killed 35 people Thursday in Baghdad.

"If we need to do it, yes, we'll do it. We won't hesitate," said Falah al-Nakib, in response to a question about a possible declaration of martial law.

"This is the security of our country. This is the security and life of our people," al-Nakib said.

In addition to the 35 people killed, 145 others were wounded in the Thursday car bombing, which targeted an Iraqi army recruitment center but inflicted a heavy toll on civilians on the street nearby.

Interim Defense Minister Hazem Shalan al-Khuzaei said that "in the next few days, we will chase [the insurgents] ... from house to house and from street to street, by all means available."

Visiting the scene of the blast, interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi vowed his people would prevail in the face of mounting violence before the June 30 political handover from the United States.

"This is an escalation that we have been expecting," Allawi said. "The government of Iraq is determined to confront the enemies."

Guard Officer Makes History as First Female Combat Commander

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Captain Elizabeth Condon accepts the HHC DISCOM guidon from COL William Rochelle, 42d DISCOM Commander, in a ceremony marking her as the first female New York Army National Guard officer to command Soldiers in combat.

Somerset, NJ -- An Army National Guard captain from the 342d Forward Support Battalion is about to become the first female New York Army National Guard officer to command Soldiers in combat.

At a ceremony held May 22nd, Captain Elizabeth Condon formally accepted command of Headquarters Company, 42d Division Support Command (DISCOM). Over 200 Soldiers from the unit are currently mobilizing at Fort Dix, NJ, and should deploy to Iraq before year's end.

Not only will CPT Condon be the first female NYARNG officer to command troops in wartime, she is also the first New York Guard member to take charge of a New Jersey Army National Guard unit. HHC DISCOM is stationed in Somerset, NJ.

Captain Condon explained her unusual assignment: "When a unit is called to Active Duty, it no longer belongs to the National Guard. Senior leaders have more options in selecting qualified officers when we're mobilized."

Condon said she received a telephone call from Colonel William Rochelle, the DISCOM Commander, offering her the job. She and COL Rochelle had trained together in the past, which made her decision to accept this challenging assignment an easy one.

"I'm ready," Condon said in a recent interview. "The job will be a tough one but with good, hard training and God's blessing we'll all come home safely."

Captain Condon expects to serve in Iraq for one year. Following her combat tour, Condon expects to rejoin the New York Army National Guard and her position in the 342nd FSB.

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RAINBOW CHAPLAIN

Morning Prayer for Help

I have so many enemies, Lord, so many who turn against me!
They talk about me and say, "God will not help them."
But you, O Lord, are always my shield from danger;
you give me victory and restore my courage.
I call to the Lord for help, and from his sacred hill he answers me.
I lie down and sleep and all night long the Lord protects me.
I am not afraid of the thousands of enemies
who surround me on every side.
Come, Lord! Save me, my God!
You punish all my enemies and leave them powerless to harm me.
Victory comes from the Lord – may he bless his people.

Psalms 3

SPORTS NEWS

NBA - LA's O'Neal skips exit interview

Coach Phil Jackson might not be the only one leaving the Los Angeles Lakers. The team's two biggest stars, Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, looked Friday June 18th as if they could be playing elsewhere next season. O'Neal has requested a trade, ESPN.com's Marc Stein has learned. And as expected, Bryant chose to opt out of his contract and officially will become an unrestricted free agent July 1.

O'Neal told the Los Angeles Times he was no longer happy with the team's direction, saying it had changed in the years since former general manager Jerry West left and took the job of president with the Memphis Grizzlies. Jackson, who won three straight championships with the team, agreed with Lakers owner Jerry Buss to end his tenure as coach, the team said in a statement. Jackson's departure was expected even before he met with Buss after the coach's participation in season-ending interviews with several players earlier in the day. There could be several less-expected changes to follow.

NFL - San Francisco contract debated

Julian Peterson's contract with the San Francisco 49ers is still being debated on both sides, according to the *Oakland Tribune*. Kevin Poston, Peterson's agent, says that the 49ers have offered over \$15 million in a signing bonus, but that the cause of the stalemate is the guaranteed money. The linebacker was designated as the team's franchise player and because he isn't officially under contract, can't be fined for missing time. The team has shifted last season's leading tackler, Derek Smith, from inside to outside backer in the event that Peterson decides to hold out during training camp, which begins in July.

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